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Method and System for Checking Digital Signatures and Card with Microcircuit for using the Method

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BACKGROUND

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SUMMARY

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please delete the centered heading beginning at page 16, line 3, which starts with "METHOD AND SYSTEM..."

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

According to yet another particular feature of the invention, this process comprises a phase of inserting a root public key in the certificates table, this insertion phase being done by write processing controlled by a MAC calculated using a specific key in the microcircuit and only known to a transmitting entity ~~in~~ having issued the microcircuit.